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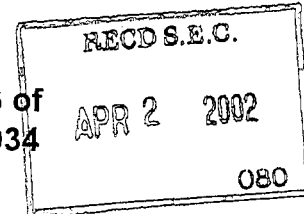
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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934



For the month of April 2002

Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A.

Av. Fontes Pereira de Melo, no. 40
1069 - 300 Lisboa, Portugal
(Address of principal executive offices)

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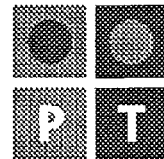
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports
under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of
1934.

Yes No ..X...



ANNOUNCEMENT

Lisbon, Portugal, April 2, 2002 – Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A. (NYSE: PT; BVLP: PTCO.IN) announced today that Mr. Patrick Monteiro de Barros was appointed as a non-executive member of the Company's Board of Directors.

This information is also available at www.telecom.pt.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A.
(Registrant)

Date: April 2, 2002

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Vitor Sequeira', written over a horizontal line.

Name: Vitor Sequeira

Title: Manager of Investor Relations